

## LOAD OF FEAR LIFTED FROM MINDS OF MANY DEMOCRATS

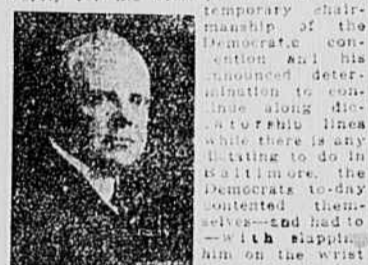
They See in Defeat of Bryan His Removal as Presidential Possibility.

BUT HIS POWER, WHILE SHAKEN, IS NOT SHATTERED

With Nebraska's Opposition, It Will Be Almost Impossible for Any Candidate to Capture the Necessary Two-Thirds Vote of Convention—Only Safe Prediction Now Is That No Conservative Can Win—Opponents of Wilson Claim That He Has Gone Down in Defeat With Commoner, to Whom His Hopes Were Tied.

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Baltimore, Md., June 25.—Far from chastising William Jennings Bryan severely for his attempt to dictate the temporary chairmanship of the Democratic convention and his announced determination to continue along the conservative line while there is any possibility of doing so in Baltimore, the Democrats to-day



JOHN W. KERN.

## HENEY AND CRANE PAY BRYAN A VISIT

Roosevelt's Lieutenants Have Conference With Democratic Leader in Baltimore.

### SECRECY SURROUNDS CALL

Third-Party Boosters Are With Nebraska for Three-Quarters of an Hour.

Baltimore, Md., June 25.—Francis J. Heney, of California, one of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt's fighting lieutenants in the Republican National Convention, and Charles R. Crane, of Chicago, who helped to finance the Roosevelt campaign for the Republican nomination, were in consultation here to-night with William Jennings Bryan, of Nebraska, for three-quarters of an hour.

Heney and Crane reached Mr. Bryan's apartment by a private elevator and were gone again before their visit became generally known. No one could be found who would discuss the incident to-night.

In connection with the Heney-Crane visit to-night, it was learned that two representatives of The Outlook, one of them Carl Howland, who has been close to Colonel Roosevelt since his return from Africa two years ago, were in town. Both put up at one of the headquarters hotels. They were anxious regarding the possibility of a progressive-conservative fight in the convention.

### News Pleases Roosevelt.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., June 25.—With the organization of the new progressive party definitely under way, ex-president Roosevelt returned to his home to-day from Chicago. He was smiling and, he said, in fighting trim. He made it clear that the work would be pushed ahead with full steam on. His neighbors in Oyster Bay, who have followed the political fortunes of Colonel Roosevelt for a good many years, did not know whether to receive him as a returning champion or a weary warrior, but he was assured that those who saw him that he was not in the least dismayed by the happenings at Chicago.

Colonel Roosevelt was greatly pleased at the news from Baltimore. He showed how closely he was keeping in touch with the situation there by reciting the vote by which William Bryan had been defeated a short time before in his contest with Alton B. Parker over the temporary chairmanship.

"Doesn't that remind you of what happened in Chicago?" he asked. "They are making the same fight at Baltimore. That is good. One thing is plain: that Mr. Murphy will never make peace with Bryan."

Issue Is the Same.  
Colonel Roosevelt said that apparently the issue among the Democrats was fundamentally the same as that in the Republican convention. Should serious differences develop, it is his belief that the new party will profit by it in the way of receiving support of disaffected Democrats. With this in mind, Colonel Roosevelt and his assistants will take no definite steps

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# WITH DEFEAT OF BRYAN BY NATIONAL CONVENTION SPEAKER CHAMP CLARK'S CHANCES FOR NOMINATION LOOM LARGER AND HIS ADHERENTS CLAIM VICTORY

## Leading Figures in First Day of Democratic Convention



JOHN W. KERN.



W. J. BRYAN.



NORMAN E. MACK.



ALTON B. PARKER.



J. J. FITZGERALD.

## NO CONSERVATIVE CAN BE NOMINATED

Bryan's Showing of Strength Clearly Indicates That Convention's Choice Must Be Progressive, and if It Won't Take Clark It Will Have to Swallow Wilson—Day's Fighting Makes Speaker's Chances Brighter.

BY ALEXANDER FORWARD.

Baltimore, Md., June 25.—Overjoyed as the conservatives are to-night over the defeat of William Jennings Bryan for the temporary chairmanship of the Democratic National Convention, the fly in the ointment, is the clear demonstration that no conservative candidate can be nominated for President. With such a showing of strength as was made by the progressives, in the face of many hours of the most active and most successful campaigning, it would be impossible to secure a two-thirds vote for any man who is classed as reactionary by the aforesaid Peerless Leader.

So it is that the conservatives must take Clark or else they will have to swallow Wilson. The Speaker is perhaps as progressive as is the New Jersey Governor, and Bryan has never criticized his record. He may be in the black books of the Commoner to-day because most of his delegates voted for Parker, but he has kept his record in this respect so clear that it seems it would be difficult for Bryan openly to oppose him or fail to support him.

Conservatives Vastly Prefer Clark.  
It is certain that the conservatives vastly prefer Clark to Wilson, and naturally they will go to him. It all looks like Clark to-night. He has some delegates, bound solidly to his support, who voted for Bryan to-day, and in due course of time he will get the conservative vote from Underwood and from the varied collection of favorite sons.

The vote to-day has greatly strengthened the Clark position and must inevitably have weakened the Wilson entrenchments. Delegates feel that Bryan cannot now dominate the situation. Of course, this is not admitted at Wilson headquarters. Granting that Clark has a certain plurality on the first ballot, and even that he may attain to a substantial majority later, Wilson leaders say that by no possibility can he gain the two-thirds required to nominate.

So the two elements in the situation are: anti-Bryan influences are looking toward Clark more than ever before, and Bryan influences are shying away from the Missouri man. The impression was not made by Mr. Bryan that he wanted the nomination for himself. However much his love for a scrap may have figured in his fight for a principle, his motives were not selfish, in the humble judgment of one who has not been especially fond of him.

Further, his was hardly the role to-day of an intentional disturber or party wrecker. Both he and Kern offered the opposition every chance to meet on the common ground of compromise and conference, but their proffers were disregarded. Senator Kern named O'Gorman, Campbell, Lea, Culbertson, Shively and others in whose favor he would withdraw his own name, just proposed by Mr. Bryan. True, the Nebraska limited his applause at the mention of these names to that of Senator Luke Lea, of Tennessee. But there is no reason to think he would not have welcomed any one of them to the temporary chairmanship. He was defeated, but he lost nothing save the cause for which he fought.

Across the stage of the convention is cast the shadow of Thomas Fortune Ryan, of Virginia and New York. Bryan said in his great speech of to-day that he did not believe the Democrats of the nation could be corralled by a Ryan. Progressive delegates feel that the multimillionaire has a finger in the pie and is helping to dictate the nomination, the platform and the chairmanship.

Find Out That Mr. Ryan Is a Delegate.  
A Baltimore paper to-day made the astounding statement that the fact that Mr. Ryan is a delegate from Virginia was a great surprise to the delegation, and that the first intimation came from its columns yesterday. Of course, this is ridiculous, for every Virginia newspaper has published the fact that he

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## PARKER FORGIVES BRYAN'S REMARKS

Remembers Three Magnificent Struggles He Has Made for Democratic Party.

### PAYS HIM HIGH TRIBUTE

Delegates Anxious to Rush Work and Get Away From Baltimore.

Baltimore, Md., June 25.—A rapid-fire routine session to-night closed the first day of the Democratic convention, which began with the defeat of William J. Bryan for temporary chairmanship this afternoon. Scenes of disorder on the floor, which made further proceedings impossible, forced to-night's session, and compelled Alton B. Parker to suspend his keynote speech until the evening session.

To-night the delegates on the floor gave earnest evidence of their desire to do everything possible and get away from Baltimore. The leaders had planned to adjourn the session to-night until 2 o'clock to-morrow and to have the committees, which were appointed to-night, meet at 10 o'clock in the morning, but the delegates would not hear of this plan, and hurriedly adjourned the session to to-morrow at 10 o'clock. The completion of Judge Parker's speech and the naming of the convention committee was the sum of the work of to-night's session.

Bryan Fails to Appear.  
William Jennings Bryan did not appear at the convention hall during the evening. His failure to be on hand caused almost immediate adjournment of the resolutions committee, which met after the session in response to the delegates' demand for speed. It was practically certain that Bryan would be elected chairman of the committee. The other committee got together immediately for organization. But a scattering attendance appeared in the galleries at 8 o'clock, the hour set for convening. There were hundreds of vacant seats in the delegates' sections. The delegates who were in their seats gathered in little groups and a hum of conversation swept the

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Admitted on All Sides That His Cause Has Been Strengthened by Downfall of Commoner in His Fight Against Parker as Temporary Chairman.

## ENEMIES OF BRYAN ARE CONFIDENT OF HIS ELIMINATION FROM THE RACE

While Conservative Temporary Chairman Is Chosen, Demonstration of Progressive Strength Is Such That Permanent Chairman and Presidential Nominee Will Be Taken From Ranks of the Latter and Platform Will Be Written According to Their Desires—Leaders of Party Now Seem Genuinely Anxious to Find Combination Which Will Appeal to All Elements and Make November Victory Certain.

Baltimore, Md., June 25.—William Jennings Bryan met defeat at the hands of the Democratic National Convention to-day, and in the opinion of many of the party leaders, he eliminated himself from the race for the presidential nomination.

The vote by which former Judge Alton B. Parker, of New York, was elected temporary chairman over Mr. Bryan—579 to 510—was interpreted to-night in many ways. The Champ Clark adherents are openly claiming the nomination, and there were many at the convention to-day who were inclined to agree that it would either be Speaker Clark or a dark horse.

Talk of Mr. Bryan has not ceased by any means. Some of his friends claim that to-day's vote was no test; that many of his most ardent supporters were compelled by circumstances to vote against him as temporary chairman. They claim, on the other hand, that the vote of 510 given to Mr. Bryan indicated that he held a "veto" power in the convention which put him in a position of dominance as to who should be the nominee.

### Clark Delegates Openly Anti-Bryan.

Many of Speaker Clark's delegates openly threw their support to the anti-Bryan forces. This was regarded as opening a breach between the Speaker and the former nominee, which may cause the Bryan supporters to make a bitter fight on Clark. Taken from another angle, the vote of so many of the Clark adherents for Judge Parker was interpreted as a distinct bid for the support of the conservative element in the convention. This conservative element, it may be stated, is practically prepared to accept a radical or progressive candidate. They frankly admit that to name a conservative, or so-called "reactionary," would result in strengthening the hand of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt in his organization of a third party. This the leaders are anxious to avoid.

The turn of political affairs in the past few days is regarded here as having been decidedly favorable to Speaker Clark's candidacy. The Wilson delegates threw their support solidly to Mr. Bryan in his fight against Judge Parker. This, the leaders figured, would make the conservative element choose Clark in preference to the New Jersey Governor as the progressive candidate. There was a report abroad to-night that the ninety votes of New York, a controlling factor in the situation, would go to Clark. This report was based largely upon the action of New York to-day in voting against Bryan. The fact that the Missouri delegation also gave Parker a majority of its vote, 18 to 14, quickly called out reports of a coalition of interests between New York and Missouri. This naturally led to talk of Clark for President and a New York man for Vice-President.

### O'Gorman Talked Of for Vice-President.

The man mentioned most prominently in this connection was Senator O'Gorman. There was talk to-night also that the Underwood forces might come into this combination, the plan being that Mr. Underwood should have the speakership of the House in the event of Mr. Clark's elevation to the presidency. Most of the Underwood States are said to be against Mr. Bryan on almost any proposition whatever. Certain it was that most of these States—located in the Solid South—voted against Mr. Bryan to-day. The Clark people declared to-night that with New York and the Underwood forces united under the Speaker's banner, the latter would have more than the necessary number of votes to nominate.

It seemed certain to-night from the public action of the delegates and their privately expressed views that the Democratic convention will nominate a progressive candidate and adopt a progressive platform. Some of the leaders frankly said they resented Mr. Bryan's assumption to dictate the temporary chairmanship, and pointed to to-day's vote in justification of their views. Mr. Bryan, despite the effort to eliminate him, however, remains a stalwart factor in the convention, and may be given the authority to write the platform.

### Anxious to Strike Winning Combination.

The Democratic leaders appear genuinely anxious to strike a winning combination. They say they are willing to recognize and defer to the progressive element in the party and the progressive spirit of the time.

There was nothing more tangible to the presidential situation to-night than talk and claims.

"The result of the balloting on the temporary chairmanship to-day," said Senator-elect Ollie M. James, of Kentucky, "means but one thing—that Clark will be nominated on the first ballot."

Mr. James was discussed to-night as the probable permanent chairman of the convention. This is in line with the policy of the conservatives to placate the progressives, now that they have defeated Mr. Bryan. Aside from this, Mr. James received the second-largest vote in the national committee on the selection of a temporary chairman, and this ordinarily would entitle him to favorable consideration for permanent presiding officer. His choice would also be further evidence of the Clark strength in the convention. Those who argue against the possibility of Mr. Bryan being named, declare that he had his say in the convention to-day and failed to stampee it. Mr. Bryan frequently was interrupted in his remarks,

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